## FOUR EUROPEAN PORTS INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTING CONTAINER TERMINAL IN KLAIPEDA

**VILNIUS, Aug 21, BNS -** Four European ports would like to take part in the construction of a large container terminal in Klaipeda. The British ports of Felixstone and Liverpool, the Dutch port of Rotterdamm and the port of Bremen in Germany were selected from a group of 12 ports, interested in participation in the project. Jonas Birziskis, Lithuanian minister of transportation, told BNS that in the next two weeks representatives of the four ports would arrive in Klaipeda and make concrete proposals and tenders. After this Lithuania would decide on a partner for further negotiations. The transportation minister said that the cost of the container terminal project was estimated at 30-40 million ECU. Half of this sum, 17.5 mllion ECU, had already been allotted to Klaipeda by the European Investment Bank.

## PHILIP MORRIS LIETUVA BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACTORY IN KLAIPEDA

**VILNIUS, Aug 21, BNS -** The Philip Morris Lietuva Company announced on Monday the beginning of the construction of a new tobacco factory in Klaipeda. This factory will begin operating at full capacity in the middle of 1997, producing 6 billion cigarettes annually. In addition, 400 new jobs will be created. $25 million will be invested in the construction of the new factory. Marlboros and other high quality tobacco products will be produced there. It is planned that new production will be exported to Latvia and Estonia.

## RECONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT BEGINS THIS WEEK IN ZOKNIAI

**SIAULIAI, Aug 22, BNS -** According to Alfredas Lankauskas, mayor of Siauliai the first two representatives of the Philips corporation arrived today in Siauliai, signaling the beginning of reconstruction of the former military airport at Zoknniai. Lankauskas told BNS that concrete details of the project and the coordination and schedule of construction will be discussed with the Philip's representatives and airport administrators. Within two weeks they will set up their office at the airport and begin research and planning. $26.4 million of the project's cost will be financed by the British Midland Bank with the remaining 15% to come from the Lithuanian government. The total cost of the project is estimated at $29 million. The project is expected to be completed within one year.